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What is claimed is:

1. A system comprising:
a monitoring system that monitors consumption of digital content
5 at a first device;
a usage data storage system that collects usage data of the
monitored consumption of the digital content at the first device; and
a usage metrics system that processes the usage data to provide
usage results to a second device.
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2. The system as set forth in claim 1 wherein the usage metrics system
organizes the usage data into at least one of a plurality of categories comprising a
genre type of digital content, time based consumption of the digital content and
date based consumption of the digital content.
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3. The system as set forth in claim 1 wherein the first device obtains
the digital content from a content provider.
4. The system as set forth in claim 1 further comprising a
20 recommendation system that generates digital content recommendations based on
the usage results, the recommendation system providing the digital content
recommendations to a content provider.
5. The system as set forth in claim 4 wherein the content provider
25 selects additional digital content to send to the first device based on the digital
content recommendations.
6. The system as set forth in claim 1 wherein the usage metrics system
provides the usage results to at least one organization system comprising at least
30 one of a content publisher, content developer, advertisement company, music chart
company, music marketing company, marketing company and consulting firm.

7. The system as set forth in claim 1 wherein the digital content comprises at least one of digital music, digital documents, digital movies, and software.

5 8. A method comprising:
 monitoring consumption of digital content at a first device;
 collecting usage data of the monitored consumption of the digital
 content at the first device; and
 processing the usage data to provide usage results to a second
10 device.

 9. The method as set forth in claim 8 wherein processing the usage
data further comprises organizing the usage data into at least one of a plurality of
categories comprising a genre type of digital content, time based consumption of
15 the digital content and date based consumption of the digital content.

 10. The method as set forth in claim 8 further comprising obtaining the
digital content at the first device from a content provider.

20 11. The method as set forth in claim 8 further comprising generating
digital content recommendations based on the usage results.

 12. The method as set forth in claim 11 further comprising selecting
additional digital content to send to the first device based on the digital content
25 recommendations.

 13. The method as set forth in claim 8 further comprising providing the
usage results to at least one organization system comprising at least one of a
content publisher, content developer, advertisement company, music chart
30 company, music marketing company, marketing company and consulting firm.

14. A computer-readable medium having instructions stored thereon, which when executed by at least one processor, causes the at least one processor to perform:

- monitoring consumption of digital content at a first device;
- 5 collecting usage data of the monitored consumption of the digital content at the first device; and
- processing the usage data to provide usage results to a second device.

10 15. The medium as set forth in claim 14 wherein processing the usage data further comprises organizing the usage data into at least one of a plurality of categories comprising a genre type of digital content, time based consumption of the digital content and date based consumption of the digital content.

15 16. The medium as set forth in claim 14 further comprising obtaining the digital content at the first device from a content provider.

17. The medium as set forth in claim 14 further comprising generating digital content recommendations based on the usage results.

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18. The medium as set forth in claim 17 further comprising selecting additional digital content to send to the first device based on the digital content recommendations.

25 19. The medium as set forth in claim 14 further comprising providing the usage results to at least one organization system comprising at least one of a content publisher, content developer, advertisement company, music chart company, music marketing company, marketing company and consulting firm.